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## STATEWIDE BILL PASSED AT FRANKFORT

PEOPLE WILL GET A CHANCE TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION IN KENTUCKY.

Frankfort, Ky. January 22.—The state-wide prohibition bill of Senator W. A. Proctor of Wingo, a Democrat, passed the Senate to-day by the overwhelming vote of 28 to 6. The measure was to amend Section 61 of the constitution so as to prohibit the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors in Kentucky after June 30, 1920.

The Senators voting against the bill were: Burton, Combs, Helm, Huffaker, Perry, Simmons.

A "bone dry" amendment was introduced and a hard fight was made for it by the liquor men. It prohibited the manufacture of sacramental wine, or liquor for medicinal uses. The wine, however, such an extreme measure as "bone dry" would be defeated at the polls and this explains their support.

The House also. On Wednesday the House passed practically the same bill as the Senate with only six votes against it. The Legislature has done good work helping along both state-wide and national prohibition.

### MORE SHEEP—MORE WOOL.

Realizing the great shortage of sheep not only in Kentucky, but America, and further acknowledging the imperative need and crying demand for a greatly increased supply of meat, wool and hides especially during the existing conditions which now cover the entire world, a call is hereby made to the farmers and others interested in the sheep industry in this State to meet at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday, January 29, 1918, at one-thirty o'clock for the purpose of defining the necessary action toward the increased production of sheep and wool in this State and to formulate plans to further protect and stimulate this great industry.

This Means You. Come if you are interested. Everybody invited. DR. RICHARD STEVENSON, President, Kentucky Sheep Breeders Association, Lexington, Ky. MAT B. COHEN, Commissioner of Agriculture.

### M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

"Way, 'im I A Methodist" is the subject for the morning hour.

A Critical Situation" is the subject at night.

Services at 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:00 a. m. Sunday Epworth League 5:30 p. m. Sunday Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30. The subject will be the third Beatitude: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

The choir has been reorganized and good music is promised for Sunday.

The subject for the morning hour is one of a series which is being preached on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. This series will continue for seven or eight weeks and will include such subjects as "Universal Redemption," "Justification," "Justification by Faith," etc. The general public is invited and every Methodist is urged to come.

Bright, heartening services each hour. HERBERT O. CHAMBERS, Pastor.

### THE HEATLESS DAYS.

G. R. Vinson has been appointed Fuel Administrator for Lawrence county and he was kept busy answering questions for a few days after the heatless days and holiday orders were promulgated by the government.

The stores and offices in Louisa were closed, except the grocery stores, which remained open until noon. This will be the program for nine more Mondays. The sale of foods and medicines will probably be permitted all day. Buses are to remain open.

### URGES ALIEN SERVICE.

Ashland, Ky. January 17.—The registration of all aliens in the United States and their compulsory service in either the armies of this country or the countries to which they claim allegiance, was urged by the Kentucky Federation of Labor, which was in session here this week next September in Lexington. H. A. Allington of Newport, was re-elected President and P. J. Campbell of Louisville, Secretary and Treasurer.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

Tierney Coal Co. vs. Smith Pike; appealant and guardian ad litem filed motion to advance with affidavit in support of the said motion, motion submitted.

Meek vs. Ward, Johnson; appealant filed motion to dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution; motion submitted.

Manning vs. Ashland C. & M. Company, Boyd; affirmed.

Spradlin vs. Wright, Boyd; affirmed.

Howard vs. Dean, Magoffin; affirmed.

Davis vs. Davis, Pike; appeal dismissed.

### ATTENDED WAR CONFERENCE.

Miss Maude Smith and Mrs. W. M. Bryington returned from Louisville where they attended the War Conference last week. During their absence their places as teachers in the Louisa Public school were filled by Misses Leola Smith and Marie Bryington.

### COUNTY AGENT NOW HERE.

County Agent G. C. Baker moved his family to Louisa Saturday and is now on the job to serve Lawrence county all the year. The severe illness of his child delayed his arrival about two weeks. He has rented an office room on the second floor of the Louisa National Bank building, where he will be glad to have the farmers call and see him when in town. He may be found there most of the time until the weather improves. Later in the season Saturday will be his regular office day, as his duties will keep him in the country the other days.

### C. & O. TRAINS CHANGE TIME.

With very short notice the C. & O. put out a new time table, effective last Sunday. The train from Ashland to Pileville every evening leaves at 2:15, instead of 4 o'clock. The connecting trains from Cincinnati and Louisville are moved up an hour earlier in that schedule, so that the connection is maintained.

### TREASURY PLANS TO MELT 150,000,000 SILVER COINS

Bullion To Go To Allies And \$1 And \$2 Certificates Withdrawn.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Congress will be asked soon to authorize the melting of 150,000,000 silver dollars now stored in the Treasury to supply silver bullion for export to America's allies and to pay trade balances. Simultaneously, one and two dollar certificates now issued on the basis of the coins in storage, will be withdrawn from circulation and Federal Reserve Bank notes of the same denominations issued in their place, according to a plan agreed on tentatively to-day by Treasury officials. The silver dollars would be melted only as needed, and eventually would be repaid from silver to be bought by the Government during the next year.

Legislation now drafted would authorize these measures, and in addition would empower the Treasury, through Director of the Mint, to buy all the silver produced in the United States at a price to be determined by agreement with producers. This price probably will be about 11 an ounce, five cents above the current market price, and is expected to stimulate silver production to 100,000,000 ounces during the next year. About 54,000,000 ounces was produced in the United States in 1917.

Some Treasury officials believe that if the Federal Reserve act is amended to permit reserve banks to issue their notes in \$1 and \$2 denominations, instead of \$5, the demand for \$1 and \$2 bills will naturally encourage the issuance of the reserve bank notes as silver certificates are withdrawn to provide for the diminution of silver reserve.

About 490,000,000 dollars have been coined and \$458,000,000 silver certificates are outstanding. At present only about \$12,500,000 Federal Reserve bank notes are outstanding. There are quite distinct from Federal Reserve notes, of which there are \$1,369,000,000. The war has caused an unprecedented demand in nearly all countries for silver for monetary purposes, and to pay trade balances according to the regulated channels of commerce. Negotiations have been in progress between the American and British Governments to limit the production and distribution of the world's production, and its distribution among the Allies.

### TEST WELL FOR OIL NEAR CHAPMAN STATION

W. M. Fulkerson recently procured a lot of leases in the territory adjacent to Chapman, eight miles south of Louisa, and sold them to Walter Hennig, a large oil producer of Texas. Machinery to drill a test well has been placed on the ground and work will start as soon as possible. Joe Miller has the contract for drilling.

### REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Mrs. G. R. Roberts and W. T. Cain have traded houses, and Mrs. Roberts will move about the first of March from the house on Peachmont-st., to the place on Perry-st. which she acquired in the deal between the property of Jas. H. Woods and C. B. Crutcher.

### MRS. HIRAM VANHOUSE DEAD.

The wife of Hiram Vanhouse, formerly of Charley, this county, but now of London, Ohio, was killed by an explosion of gasoline while starting a fire in the kitchen stove. The burial took place at Plain City. The family moved to Ohio ten years ago. The husband and seven children survive. More particulars next week.

### YARN FOR RED CROSS

Those wanting yarn to knit sweaters, helmets or mufflers for soldiers can get it by calling at headquarters in Louisa. Yarn for socks is expected to arrive any day.

### CHANGE OF BOOKKEEPERS.

Miss Esther Waller of Fort Gay, W. Va., has resigned as bookkeeper in the office of the Singer Sewing Machine company and is taking a course in stenography. Miss Hatten has accepted the place made vacant by her.

### W. J. VAUGHAN PRESIDES.

A Sunday School Efficiency Conference was held Tuesday and Wednesday at Grayson W. J. Vaughan, State field worker was in charge.

### DR. W. A. GANFIELD.

President Center College, Danville, Ky.

We requested the above cut to be sent us in time for last week's issue, but it arrived too late. He was one of the prominent speakers at the Mountain Life Conference.

### INCOME TAX OFFICERS TO BE AT LOUISA NEXT WEEK

The representative of the Internal revenue office will be in Louisa next Monday to remain the entire week for the purpose of assisting the people in making their income tax reports. All these reports must be filed before March 1.

Mrs. H. R. Alexander has as her guest her niece, Miss Frances Lasley, of Seattle, Wash. Miss Lasley has been in Gallipolis Ohio, several months visiting relatives.

### President Spanks a Senator.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee, is taking his meals off of a high shelf since President Wilson applied a much needed remedy where it would do the most good. The Senator now tries to excuse his blunder by saying he "spoke extemporaneously," which is equivalent to no excuse at all. He shouldn't permit his mouth to go off in public and expose his ignorance and incapacity to comprehend the big things. He made a speech in New York criticizing the administration of war affairs. When the President read what he had said he called him on the telephone and inquired if he had been correctly reported in the papers. Chamberlain admitted the correctness of the newspaper reports and the President gave out a statement from which the following is taken: "Senator Chamberlain's statement as to the present inaction and ineffectiveness of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustified distortion of the truth. As a matter of fact, the war department has performed a task of unparalleled magnitude and difficulty with extraordinary promptness and efficiency. "There have been delays and disappointments and partial miscarriages of plan, all of which have been drawn into the foreground and exaggerated by the investigations which have been in progress since the Congress assembled—investigations which drew innumerable officials of the department constantly away from their work and officers from their commands and contributed a great deal to such delay and confusion as had inevitably arisen. But by comparison, with what has been accomplished, these things much as they were to be regretted were insignificant and no mistake has been made which has been repeated. "Nothing helpful or likely to speed or facilitate the war task of the government has come out of such criticism and investigation. I understand that reorganizations by legislation are to be proposed—I have not been consulted about them and do not know of them. I am sure that any such proposal came after effective measures of reorganization and been thoughtfully and maturely perfected, and inasmuch as these measures have been the result of experience they are much more likely than any other to be effective, if the Congress will but remove the few statutory obstacles of rigid departmental organization which stands in their way. "The legislative proposals I have heard of would involve long additional delays and turn on a experience into mere loss of motion. My association and conference with the secretary of war have taught me to regard him as one of the ablest public officials I have ever known. The country will soon learn whether he or his critics understand the business in hand. "To add, as Senator Chamberlain did, that there is inefficiency in every department and bureau of the government, is to show such ignorance of actual conditions as to make it impossible to attach any importance to that statement. I am bound to infer that that statement sprang out of opposition to the Administration's whole policy rather than out of any serious intention to reform its practice."

### SERGEANT WROTEN.

Sergeant Milton J. Wroten returned Sunday to his army duties in South Carolina, after a visit to his parents. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Wroten. He left his father somewhat improved. Milton has made the best record at his cantonment as a rifle shot and also in assembling the parts of a rifle that has been taken to pieces. He has been appointed instructor in hand grenade work.

### HERE FROM PRESTONSBURG.

Judge Stanley and son, Joe Stanley, were here from Prestonsburg, Saturday, the latter leaving for Harvard University where he will prepare for service in the wireless telegraphy department of the navy. He recently enlisted in the navy and has been stationed at Norfolk.

### THREE MEN KILLED AND FOUR INJURED

C. & O. FAST TRAIN COLLIDES WITH BIG ENGINE AT RUSSELL.

Three men were killed and four injured in a wreck at Russell, Monday night. Fast passenger train No. 4 collided with a mallet engine which was crossing the main track. The yard crew forgot about the change in schedule and this caused the wreck. No passengers were seriously hurt.

The dead and injured are: M. J. Ealy, Russell, switchman on yard engine.

W. G. Paris, Covington, fireman on passenger train No. 4.

J. Frank Loring, Covington, engineer on No. 4.

The injured: E. Rasenbach, Russell, yard conductor.

D. T. Lane, Russell, yard engineer.

T. R. Hobbs, Russell, yard fireman.

Groves, express messenger, Washington, D. C.

### FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF COAL PRICES IN KENTUCKY

United States District Attorney Thos. D. Slattery received authority from the Attorney-General to impanel in the Federal Court at Covington a special grand jury to investigate alleged violations of the coal, espionage and draft acts in the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The grand jury will be called for 9 o'clock February 1. Mr. Slattery said there have been 58 warrants issued for alleged violations of the President's order which fixed the price to be charged for coal at the mines. There will be 75 cases for the grand jury to investigate, he said.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Abbott.

### War Savings Stamps.

I have been appointed chairman of the War Savings Stamps campaign for Lawrence-co., a movement originated and directed by the United States Treasury department to give small investors a chance to help win the war. Even the children will be able to buy these Thrift Stamps at 75 cents each and thus help to provide money with which to run the war. They will get their money back with 4 per cent compound interest, making a good investment and teaching them to save. Wage earners of small means will be able to save in this way what otherwise would not be invested on a sure and profitable basis. \$4.12 worth of the stamps gets a United States certificate that will be cashed for \$5 by the government at a specified time.

This appointment is entirely without compensation, like that of the Liberty Loan chairmanship which I have handled. It was accepted as a patriotic duty I pleaded lack of time, but was not excused. I hope everybody in Lawrence county will do the same and answer the call to buy thrift stamps. It is a fine investment, not a gift, and it will help win the war. M. F. CONLEY, Louisa, Ky.

### KENTUCKY AND OHIO

Women Have Made More Than a Million Articles For Red Cross.

Cleveland, Ohio.—More than 1,000,000 articles made by Ohio and Kentucky women were shipped from the Cleveland warehouse, Lake Division, American Red Cross during the 8 months ending January 1. Carl W. Fuller, acting director of the warehouse, announced today. This is approximately one-half of the division's output in that period as the figures do not include shipments made from the three Indiana warehouses to which the Indiana chapters send their finished products; nor does it include shipments made by some chapters direct to an Eastern warehouse. The Lake Division is appealing to knitters for larger quantities of helmets.

### Nitrate of Soda for Fertilizer.

The government will furnish through its county agents nitrate of soda for fertilizer at \$75.00 per ton, with freight added from Atlantic ports. Farmers desiring it must apply before February 4, depositing money to cover quantity desired. Freight to be paid when received. If enough is applied for by February 4 to make shipment, the orders will be placed, otherwise the money refunded.

This applies to all county agricultural agents in the Big Sandy valley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Riffe expect to move to Wayland about the first of next month.

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### ASHLAND IS HEADQUARTERS FOR MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Drs. G. Bell, J. A. Salmon, J. A. Sparks and A. C. Bond of Ashland have received notification from L. S. McMintry, M. C. R., medical aide to Governor Stanley, that they have been named as members of the medical advisory board for the 13rd district which is composed of Greenup, Carter, Elliott, Lawrence and Boyd county.

Ashland has been designated the meeting place of the Board.

This Board is to assist the local draft boards in the next conscription of men for the citizen's army.

### GIVEN LONG PRISON TERM.

In Carter county last week Asa Leatham was given a sentence of twenty-one years in the penitentiary for the murder of Lefe Kitchen, 21, son of Riley Kitchen of Carter. Kitchen was shot in the back and almost instantly killed while returning home from church. Chas. Bonar is on trial charged with being an accomplice in the crime in the case of Leatham a verdict of guilty was rendered 40 minutes after the case went to the jury. It is said that others in the crowd when the killing occurred, some of whom may be placed on trial were Morton and Jason Leatham, Jesse and John Pennington and Sam Justice.

### MAJOR BURCHETT BUYS PROPERTY IN MT. STERLING

Mt. Sterling.—Major D. J. Burchett, of this county, has purchased from Dr. and Mrs. Paul K. McKenna their two-story frame residence and about six acres of ground located on Winn-st. and will get possession March 1. The price paid was about \$5,500. Major Burchett will improve the property and he and his wife will move there to reside. They have rented their farm on the Paris pike for the ensuing year to Frank Remble.

### SURPRISE PARTY.

Several of the friends of Mrs. T. E. Thompson remembering that Monday was her birthday gave her a surprise party and spent a pleasant evening in her home. They were Mrs. Mary E. Horton, Mrs. G. R. Vinson, Miss Miriam Stone, Mrs. A. M. Hughes, Mrs. M. F. Conley and Mrs. W. D. O'Neal.

### HEWLETT, W. VA.

Owing to the cold weather the attendance at school has been very small this week.

There is rumor there will be a literary society organized at this place Friday night.

Mrs. Dinah Thomas of Herndon, W. Va., is visiting her home folks at this place.

Miss Gladys McComas spent a pleasant morning with Miss Florence Lear Sunday.

Richard F. Hewlett of Camp Lee, Va., visited relatives at this place last week, returning to Petersburg Monday. He says army life is fine.

Mrs. Gustava Lester, who is teaching school at Algoma, W. Va., is at home, out expects to return Saturday.

Jack Thompson was transacting business at Meredith, W. Va., Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Crabtree is suffering with a broken arm.

Misses Gustava Lester and Eliza Wellman were the attractive guests of Miss Gladys McComas Sunday afternoon.

Miss Violet May Crabtree is expecting to enter the business school at Louisa soon.

Miss Shirley Hensley will return home Friday from Graves Shoal where she has taught a successful term of school.

Born, recently to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hewlett, a boy.

Misses Gladys McComas and Florence Lear were out coasting Sunday.

Miss Margaret Mullins was visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lottie Hersey Sunday.

Henry Akers of Georges creek, visited his folks at home Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Carroll, who has typhoid fever is reported somewhat better.

Richard F. Hewlett was visiting at Pulaski Saturday evening.

Henry Sturill had the misfortune of falling in the river Monday. He says the water was a little cool.

Jack Thompson and Corla Lycans were here Sunday.

Willie Lester was seen going up our creek recently. BLACK EYES.

Last Monday was the first of ten Mondays to be observed as holidays by nearly all lines of business east of the Mississippi to help relieve the fuel famine and railroad congestion. Five days also, beginning last Friday, factories were shut down except those making war materials. This was done to enable the railroads to get coal hundreds of our ships that have been loaded and waiting for weeks, unable to sail for France because of no coal. The situation is reported to be considerably improved, notwithstanding the additional obstacle of extremely cold weather.

### SEED CORN SUPPLIES NEED ATTENTION

You have demonstrated your ability and patriotism by helping to raise the largest corn crop ever produced, and have accomplished it under rather unfavorable seasonal and labor conditions. This accomplishment entitles you to special honor.

Now a greater opportunity and task confronts you and the earlier its magnitude is realized the better will the county be fortified.

Last spring you had a good supply of good seed. Over a very considerable area from 10 to 50 per cent was frosted so early as to make seed saving impossible, and there is practically no hold-over supply the frost-stricken areas must import seed. This year's success depends upon the promptness with which these importations are made.

Whether you can secure another victory this year depends largely upon your action now. Cash and every farmer for his own sake, and for his country's sake, should have sufficient seed corn set aside now or should get it without delay.

I make this appeal to you because this year's corn crop is threatened by severity of well matured, locally adapted corn. The seed trade, county agent, and state workers, the anxious, can help but little unless you make known your needs and your supplies, and you should act now as you would act if next week were corn planting time.